

Brush Strokes

1. Open Photoshop CS5

2. Create a letter sized document with CMYK Colour

- from the File menu, select New
- set the document options: select US paper, Letter, CMYK Colour
- click OK

3. Place a picture into the document and position it on the page

- from the file menu, select Place. Find an image you would like to use and click place
- resize, rotate, and move a picture: position the mouse OVER the corner control point. Click and drag inwards to make the picture smaller. Position the mouse pointer ABOVE a control point. Turn the mouse to rotate the picture.
- when you like the way your picture looks, click Commit Transform Tool on the Options Bar. If you don't like the changes, click the Cancel Transform Tool.

You can apply a shadow, glow, bevel, overlay, and stroke effect to a picture or text. This is done by setting the layer style. A layer style is an effect that is applied to all objects on a layer. Follow the instructions to make your picture stand out.

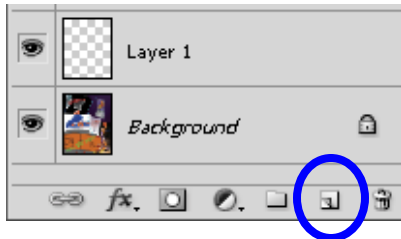
4. Apply a Layer Style to the Picture

- You can only edit a layer that is SELECTED. Click on the picture layer in the Layers palette
- from the Layer menu, select Layer Style
- select a layer style from the Styles pain. Set the options
- when finished, click OK

5. Create a New Layer and Rename is Brush Strokes

You can create a new layer and use it to paint brush strokes that create a decorative pattern on the page. To keep organized you will rename the layer **brush strokes**. This will make it easy to recognize.

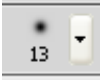

- Click the Create new layer tool on the bottom of the Layers palette.



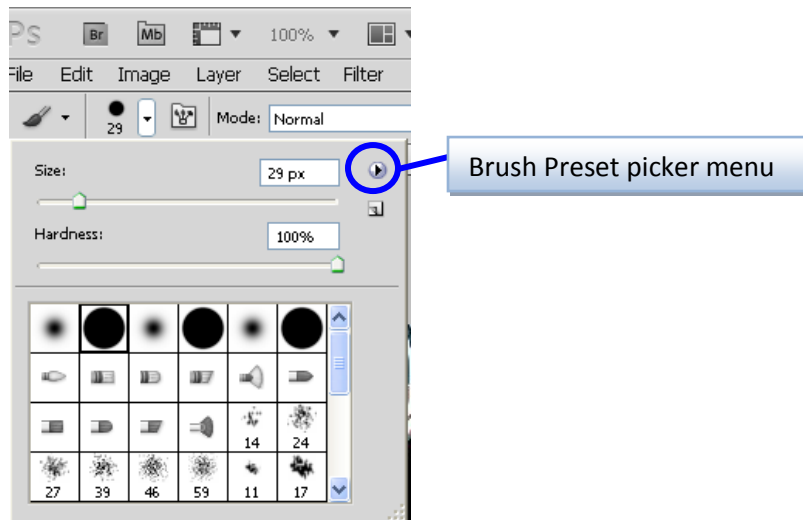
- Double click the layer name. Rename the layer **brush strokes**

6. Decorate the page using the Brush Tool

Paint interesting patterns or place stamps on the page using the *Brush Tool*. Photoshop has many different preset brush styles. For example, choose from calligraphic, drop shadow, dry media, faux finish, special effect, or wet media styles. For each brush, you can adjust the size and hardness to make the paint look exactly the way you want. Try it!

- click the Brush Preset picker  on the Options Bar. Brush options are displayed
- to select a brush style, click the Brush Preset picker menu
- click the Special Effects Brushes option 

7.



-A dialog box appears asking if you would like to replace the current brushes with the brushes from Special Effect Brushes, click OK

-there are many fun styles in the Special Effect Brushes. If you rest the mouse pointer over a brush style a screentip displays the name of the style. Select the *Hypo Lines* brush style from the list.

-change the *Size* to **100 px**. Change the *Hardness* to **100%**

-click anywhere on the screen to remove the Brush Preset picker



-select a paint colour; click the Set foreground colour swatch

-from the Colour picker dialog box, make a selection from the colour spectrum. Click OK.


-click and drag the mouse to apply brush strokes OR click only once to place stamps on the page.



Paint brush strokes: click & drag the mouse to paint

Place stamps on the page: click the mouse once to place stamps on the page. You may want to change the colour of the paint to create an interesting pattern.

8. Remove Brush Strokes using the Eraser or Rectangular Marquee Tool


-click the Erase Tool  from the Toolbox

-to erase a large area from the Mode option select Block.

-to erase a smaller area from the Mode option, select Brush and use the Brush Preset picker to customize the style of the eraser

-to erase an area, click and drag the mouse over the unwanted brush strokes

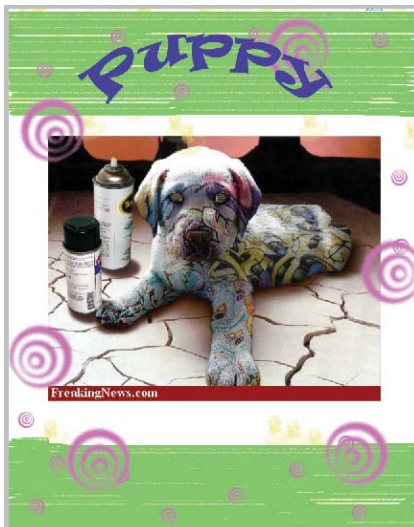
OR

-select the Rectangular Marquee Tool  from the Toolbox. Click and drag around the

selection you do not want. Press the DELETE key on the keyboard

9. Finish decorating the page

You already know how to add a new layer, apply a Layer Style, paint with the Brush Tool, add Text, and adjust the layers to change the stacking order of objects. Apply your knowledge to make the page look great!



HINTS:

- Undo a Mistake: select Step Backwards from the Edit menu, or use ALT + CTRL + Z
- Apply a Layer Style: Select the Brush Stroke layer, apply a layer style to make that decoration stand out
- Adjust the Layer Order: in the Layers Palette drag a layer up or down to change the stacking order
- Use Multiple Layers: You can place different paintbrush effects on their own layer to make them easier to edit individually
- Delete a Layer: Right click on the unwanted layer in the Layer palette and select Delete Layer from the menu

10. Save as Brush Strokes in your Photoshop Folder

11. Exit Photoshop